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CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET-CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY~~COUNTRY Czechoslovakia REPORTTOPIC Status of Soviet Occupation in Western SlovakiaEVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED 50X1-HUMDATE OF CONTENT DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 2 April 1951REFERENCES PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS **REFERENCE COPY****DO NOT CIRCULATE**

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1. On 1 March 1951, no Soviet troops or vehicles were observed in Trencin (P 49/T 50). Only Czech soldiers wearing red collar patches with a club emblem were seen. Although orders for the establishment of a civil air defense system, that is, the construction of air raid shelters and the installation of air raid sirens, had been given a year ago, no measures to comply with this order have been taken yet. *

2. No Soviet troops were observed in Piestany (P 49/T 44) on 1 March, nor were there any Soviet personnel in the health resort installations.

3. Neither Soviet nor Czech troops were seen in Banska Bystrica (P 49/C 76) on 2 March. **

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4. Soviet officers were convalescing in Trencianska Tepla (P 49/T 50). However, inquiries made there and in Trencianska Teplice (P 49/T 50) on 1 March showed that no Soviet officers have ever been in the two localities.

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5. an interchange of Czech and Polish troops was planned.

* Comment. The report supplements previous information from Western Slovakia. It is fairly definite that no Soviet troops are stationed in Western Slovakia.

** Comment. The information agrees with other reports to the effect no troops have been stationed in Banska Bystrica for some time. 50X1-HUM

*** Comment. An interchange of Czech and Polish troops seems unlikely. 50X1-HUM

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